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US DISPATCH AGENT NEW YORK

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OPR/ST PASS US DISPATCH AGENT BALTIMORE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SHIPMENT OF PROPERTY

1. REQUEST AMCONGEN BOMBAY CONTACT WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION LOCAL AGENT IN BOMBAY AND INQUIRE STATUS SIX CONSIGNMENTS OFF LOADED IN ERROR BY ROBERT E. LEE O/A JANUARY 5. WATERMAN'S KUWAIT AGENT ASSURED EMBASSY EARLIER GOODS WOULD BE FORWARDED ON VISHVA-VINAY ARRIVING KUWAIT TOWARDS END OF JANUARY. EMBASSY ADVISED TODAY CARGO WAS NOT LOADED AND IS STILL PENDING SHIPMENT IN BOMBAY. PLEASE EXPEDITE BALTIMORE B/L NO 2, B/L NO 3, B/L NO 4; NEW YORK B/L NO 9, B/L NO 14 AND B/L NO 15. SHIPMENT CONTAINS FURNITURE, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, HHE AND CARPETS FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: THIS IS THE THIRD UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE HAD RECENTLY WITH WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORP. PROPERTY CONSIGNED KUWAIT HAS BEEN LOST OR OFF LOADED AT OTHER PORTS AND WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES IN TRACKING DOWN OUR SHIPMENTS. ADDITIONALLY WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORP KUWAIT AGENT ALSO LACKS MANAGERIAL SKILLS TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

3. WE HAVE ALSO RECENTLY BEEN ADVISED THAT STONEWALL JACKSON CARRING EMBASSY PROPERTY SUSTAINED DAMAGES AND THAT CORPORATION HAS DECLARED GENERAL AVERAGE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARTIME LAW WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PAY A ONE PERCENT VALUE OF OUR GOODS PLUS SIGN A GENERAL AVERAGE BOND. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT UNCLASSIFIED

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WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORP HEAD OFFICE IN U.S. AND DEMAND THEY

INSTRUCT LOCAL AGENT TO RELEASE DELIVERY ORDER AND OUR GOODS
AND TO EXEMPT EMBASSY FROM GENERAL AVERAGE. WE WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE AND WHAT

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN LOCALLY BY EMBASSY.

4. IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE LE REQUEST THAT THE DISPATCH
AGENT IN BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK UTILIZE THE CONCORDIA LINES
WHOSE PAST SERVICES HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT AND WITH WHOM WE HAVE
HAD MINIMUM DIFFICULTIES.
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